

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Culbert et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/623,193
Filed	:	July 18, 2003
For	:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SPINAL FIXATION
Examiner	:	Anuradha Ramana
Group Art Unit	:	3733

**AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 14, 2006, please reconsider the above-referenced application in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper. A "Replacement Sheet" for each sheet of drawings being amended can be found in the end of the Amendment.

**Summary of Interview** begins on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.